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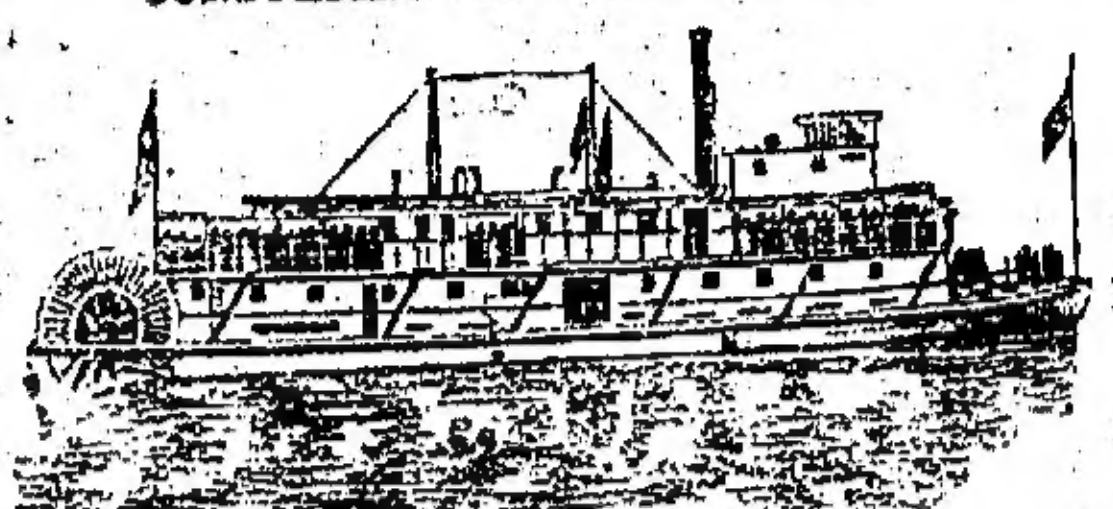
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Name.	Class.	Tons.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Albatross	despatch-boat	1700	—	3000	Comdr. O. de B. Brook	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jernan	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	1050	6	1400	Comdr. R. H. M. Jernan	Singapore
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, O.V.O.	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Capt. F. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Capt. F. M. Leake	Singapore
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut. Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Tegan	Wellington
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Todor	Hongkong
Albatross	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Wellington
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9000	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	1070	10	1400	Comdr. P. V. Lawas, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	380	8	6700	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	1850	12	2000	Lieut. Com. H. L. Well	Wellington
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Comdr. J. D. Daintree	Wellington
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. G. A. Powell	Wellington
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. G. G. Webster	Wellington
Albatross	storeship	1640	—	800	Comdr. C. W. M. Plenderleath	Wellington
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	280	8	3900	Captain R. F. Foote, O.M.G.	Wellington
Albatross	river gunboat	14,100	—	31,500	Lt. Com. G. G. Codrington	Wellington
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	180	2	800	Comdr. W. H. Nicholson	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	930	10	1400	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Comdr. J. S. A. Wake	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	1015	6	1400	Lt. Com. John P. Irven	Canton
Albatross	surveying-boat	835	6	650	Comdr. T. Jackson	Shanghai
Albatross	ship	980	10	1400	Lieut. Com. Murray Lockhart	Shanghai
Albatross	river gunboat	85	2	240	Capt. O. H. H. Moore	Shanghai
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	6000	Lt. Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	85	2	240	Capt. Lewis Bayly	Wellington
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Rear Admiral C. G. Robinson	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	6500	Lt. Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Wellington
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	6000	Capt. J. A. O. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Albatross	receiving ship	180	2	800	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	3400	8	6000	Capt. Leslie Stuart, O.M.G.	Wellington
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	365	3	200	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
Albatross	coast defence gunboat	12,950	16	13,500	Lieut. Comdr. A. B. Barker	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	980	10	1400	In Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	355	6	6300	Lieut. Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	320	4	450	Lieut. Com. Wason	Yangtze
Albatross	surveying ship	320	4	450		
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	150	2	650		
Albatross	river gunboat	150	2	650		
Albatross	river gunboat	150	2	650		

* Flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian A. O. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

† Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., O.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Asperu	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberger	Hongkong
Acheron	French gunboat	1790	—	—	Captain Latorriere	Haiphong
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Hongkong
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Aspie	French gunboat	580	—	—	Comander Journe	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Lieut. Heron	Haiphong
Benzali	French gunboat	8018	18	—	Capt. Lafevre	Shanghai
Bugard	French gunboat	825	—	—	Captain V. Poldone	Haiphong
Chateaufort	French gunboat	690	—	—	Comander Loeu	Saigon
Cometa	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Comander Gathell	Haiphong
Decade	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Le Goffier	Haiphong
Kansai	French gunboat	9700	12	19,600	Capt. Bécue	Saigon
Lion	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Captain Arce	Saigon
Montcalm	French gunboat	9437	8	6071	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Oly	French cruiser	1796	10	—	Captain Saubs	Saigon
Pascal	French cruiser	629	2	900	Capt. Vincet	Saigon
Redoubtable	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thomas	Hongkong
Sty	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Takung	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Along Bay
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Canton
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Saigon
Vigilant	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Viper	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Shanghai
Fürst Bismarck	German flag ship	11,030	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Shanghai
Geier	German cruiser	1778	15	2900	Comdr. Wuthmann	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6900	34	10,000	Capt. van Semmeren	Yokohama
Hertha	German cruiser	6900	37	10,000	Capt. Ingenohl	Shanghai
Ilse	German gunboat	1050	10	1300	Comt. Comander Platen	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	950	10	1300	Comdr. Willbrandt	Coke
Lucie	German gunboat	1520	10	—	Comdr. Kroenke	Hongkong
Möwe	German gunboat	1640	15	2850	Comdr. Pasper	Hongkong
Squadron	German cruiser	960	10	1300	Comdr. Hoffmann	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Deimling	—
Vormars	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Comdr. von Weise	Shanghai
Thetis	German gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Filba	Italian cruiser	2730	10	7471	Captain Duorne	Yokohama
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Zari	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4000	24	6820	Capt. Cail	Shanghai
Vettor Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Cail	Nagasaki
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Land	Macao
Alouet	Russian gunboat	810	6	720	Comtr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Amur	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatichoff	Port Arthur
Aspid	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reitzenscheit	Kobe
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	19	16,500	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3200	6	1150	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1050	8	—	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Shanghai
Bogor	Russian gunboat	6640	12	—	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	6731	8	—	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1450	8	1700	Capt. Nasarovsky	Shanghai
Bogor	Russian gunboat	510	8	3500	Comdr. Yousif	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1450	6	2700	Comdr. Zagarsky	Shanghai
Bogor	Russian gunboat	12,384	44	14,600	Captain Jeseu	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1900	6	1900	Comdr. Shavov	Shanghai
Bog	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakovsky	Nanking
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comander Crown	Shanghai
Bogor	Russian gunboat	10,006	12	9700	—	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	3090	6	17,000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1401	6	2000	—	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	6731	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	12,474	15	14,600	Captain Koroleff	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	10,460	10	10,600	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	12,874	15	14,600	Capt. Zaksarsky	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Osoroff	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1334	10	1786	Comdr. Liven	Chempoo
Bogor	Russian gunboat	12,802	16	16,000	Captain Sporenzhigol	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	12,200	18	17,000	Capt. Matusevich	Vladivostok
Bogor	Russian gunboat	10,925	15	13,200	Capt. Serebrennikoff	Muscopo
Bogor	Russian gunboat	10,960	18	10,600	Captain Serebrennikoff	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut. Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1030	8	1120	Comdr. Glint	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	12,930	16	16,300	—	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	8500	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	500	9	3300	Comdr. Zagorsky-Kliss	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1230	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Bogor	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Lieut. J. H. Rodgers	Honolulu
Callao	U. S. cruiser	235	—	—	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3213	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Honolulu
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1160	—	1800	Captain Donnell	Singapore
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	540	—	—	De Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1888	Comdr. Staunton	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	11,550	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	Honolulu
Elcano	U. S. flag ship	3900	6	9000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. monitor	1370	6	850	Capt. Donnell	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	4084	4	5244	Comdr. W. H. Beecher	Taku
Elcano	U. S. monitor	3137	20	—	Comander Blockings	Hongkong
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Russell	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	10,238	45	—	Captain Russell	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	4090	—	—	Captain Nazaro	Honolulu
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Comander Marshall	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. cruiser	1000	—	1118	Lieut. L. C. Bortolotto	Shanghai
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	400	—	1894	Comander U. R. Harris	Hongkong
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	—	—	—

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9 p.m. Performance at City Hall.
Meeting.
9 p.m. Meeting of The National Bank of China Ltd., at the Bank.
Auction.
9 p.m. Auction of a Assortment of Japanese Curios, &c., at Mr. V. I. Remedios' Sales Rooms.
Miscellaneous.
9.30 p.m. Competition for Spoons, of the Hongkong Rifle Association. Goods per O. Ferri. Late undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, February 1—
9 p.m. Meeting of Zealand Lodge. Goods per O. Ferri undelivered after this date subject to rent.
TUESDAY, February 2—
9 p.m. Auction of a Quantity of Household Furniture, at his Residence 'La Hacienda' (East) Mount Kellett. Transfer Books of The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 6th February inclusive. Transfer Books of Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 13th February inclusive. Goods per Yama undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.



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DEATH.
At Sea, between Singapore and Colombo, on the 14th of January, EMMA, widow of Charles Dowiek Quetch.
The publication of this notice commenced at 5.25 p.m.

The China Mail.
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Austrian Cruiser in Port.
The Austrian cruiser *Agema* reached port this morning from Shanghai. Captain Friedrich Grimenberger is in command. Salutes were exchanged.
V. R. C. Races.
The V.R.C. scratch rowing races will be on Saturday next at 2.30 p.m. All crews are to be at the post at 2.10, so as to avoid delay. The Secretary's launch will leave Black Pier at 1.30.

Steamers Chartered by the N.Y.K.
The steamers *Hokuriku-maru* and *Oyama-maru* have been chartered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The former has been put on the Hokkaido line, while the latter will be employed on the line trading to Korea.

A Young Officer Arrested.
Second Lieutenant Cooper, said to be promoted from the ranks of the 2nd Lincoln Regiment, and now attached to the 6th Dragon Guards at Bangalore, was recently brought under arrest from the Connaught Hotel, Madras, on a complaint made to the civil police that he had left his station contrary to orders.

A Nuisance.
The sanitary condition of the road leading from Hill Street to Lower Belcher Fort formed the subject of a discussion at the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. Colonel Webb moved:—That the Board recommend the Government to take the necessary steps to improve the sanitary condition (up to the military boundary) of the road leading from Hill Street to Lower Belcher Fort, and to supply adequate latrine accommodation for the Chinese in this part. In support of the motion he said that the condition of the street was a menace to the health of the garrison, there being a channel on the road which was used by the Chinese as a latrine. The President, after discussion, moved that the Captain Superintendent of Police be asked to take steps to have the nuisance abated. This was agreed to.

China Benevolently Neutral.
The Peking correspondent of the *Kokumin* wires that China is stated to have decided to maintain benevolent neutrality towards Japan in case of hostilities, to guard against Russia by despatching a big force to Shanhai-Kwan and to protect Peking by recruiting the Braves in the South. On the other hand, a decided coalition with Japan is ardently advocated in some quarters.

The same correspondent also states that the troops under command of Yuan Shih-kai, Ma Yui-han and Chiang Kuei-t'ing are in full readiness so as to be able to commence action at the shortest notice. The Peking Grand Council has instructed Viceroy Wei Kuang-t'ao to recruit 10,000 Braves and have supplies prepared for them.

The Educated Japanese.
While a Japanese man-of-war was visiting one of the Australian States, several of the officers attended a local race meeting. One of them had just turned away from the notification board after looking at the names of the jockeys, when a 'whisperer' sidled up, and in the pidgin English which ignorant persons invariably use when addressing foreigners, said: 'You puttee monce on number sixee! Welly good; You savae?' 'Thank you so much,' replied the Jap., in pure English, 'but I've just put a tenner on No. 3, and if you take my advice you'll have a bit too—it is pretty good!' The whisperer afterwards told the story of his own discomfiture, and added: 'Py gum, the little "chow" was on a good wicket, too, for No. 3 started at five and won in a saunter!'

British Officer Killed.
The *Rangoon Gazette* of the 13th inst. reports:—In the Mongai circle, North Bhamo State, in an attack at dawn on the 7th inst. by a party of fifteen Military Police under Captain F. A. Wyllie, Assistant Commandant, accompanied by the Superintendent, Northern Shan States, and Assistant Political Officer, on a Chinese dacoit long harboured, Captain Wyllie shot the leader dead but was himself shot at the same time by the dacoit, and died in the evening. Captain Wyllie's body was taken to Katala and buried there with military honours.

The Mandalay correspondent of our Rangoon contemporary writes:—The news of Captain Wyllie's death near the Chinese frontier has come as a great shock to us all. This last year he and his wife were amongst us, and we all knew and liked him well. Mrs. Wyllie went home only two months ago. Great sympathy is felt with her. One is glad to think that she is at home with her parents and has not to face that long voyage. Lieutenant Burns is ordered up to take Captain Wyllie's place.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
Major Mullins, 37th Punjab, has been selected to command the 29th Punjab.

An Englishman cable says that the Sorvian regicides have been dismissed from Belgrade.

The death is announced of Sir William Kynsey, late Inspector General of Hospitals, Ceylon.

Dr. Dohrbek, Director of the Observatory, returned to the Colony by the *Hitachi Maru* yesterday.

The Fuji Cotton Spinning Mill pays a dividend for the past half-year at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Mr Justice Hill and Mr Justice Stevens, of the Calcutta High Court, have applied for leave to resign in March.

The Russians are using their whaling steamers for reconnoitering service in the Korean Strait, using Fusan as their base.

There was a scare in the bazaar in Calcutta over the Russo-Japanese situation, the *Chit* inat, the Marwaris refusing to touch any Far East stock.

H.M.S. *King Alfred* and the Russian cruiser *Dmitri Donakoi* were coaled at Suva at the same time. The *King Alfred* is bringing out the relief crews of the *Glory* and the *Kinshasa*.

Second-Lieutenant C. D. Greyson, of the 2nd Life Guards, who was the victim of the disgraceful ragging incident at Windsor, has since been seconded for service in India and gazetted lieutenant.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, reports that Normal telegraphic communication with India and with Europe, via Eastern, was re-established late last night.

Miss Johnston, Fairlie, Bonham Road, having complained about a nuisance created by coolies washing their clothes in a channel opposite her house, the matter was before the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday. It was decided to have notices erected prohibiting coolies from using the channel.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, Inspector S. M. Gidley was deputed to institute summary proceedings against any person contravening the By-laws made under Sec. 16 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance, when so directed by one of the Medical Officers of Health; and Inspector R. Duncan was deputed to institute similar proceedings, when directed by the Sanitary Surveyor.

Band at the Hongkong Hotel.
The Band of the 83rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

March:—'Die Kriegergefangeue'.....Pitt Overture.....'Semiramide'.....Rossini Selection.....'The Grand Mogul'.....Audran Intermezzo.....'Phryne'.....Hoby Selection.....'The Little Maid'.....Roberts Valse.....'Whisper and I shall hear'.....Clothilde Dances.....'Hungarian'.....Muller 'GOD SAVE THE KING.'

Football.
To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, on the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Albion* under Rugby rules. Kick-off at four o'clock. The Club will play in stripes. The following will play for the Club:—Lieut. G. B. Macdonald, full back; W. B. Robertson, S. O. Mire, A. N. Ocher, R. A. Whitmore, three-quarters; J. J. Jordan, N. B. de Veuille, halves; E. R. Hallifax, Lieut. Storer, H. E. Rowley, Lieut. Richards, Lieut. Rogers, C. H. K. Newman, W. A. Crane, and K. F. Chard, forwards.

Cricket.
The second eleven of the Civil Service played in their match against the second eleven of the *Crazevengor* Club will be represented by E. T. Robins (captain), F. Allen, A. Carter, W. Dobbs, G. King, D. McKenna, A. Brown, W. Cooper, J. Hutchings, H. Knight, and W. Parkinson. The following will play for the *Garrison* against the Hongkong C.O. to-morrow:—play commences at noon:—Major Chichester, D.S.O., Capt. Kirkpatrick, R.E.A., Capt. Davies, A.O.C., Lieut. Chesser, R.E., Lieut. Heath, 110th Mahattas, Lieut. Hodgson, S.P., Lieut. de Pledge, S.P., Lieut. Dobbins, R.G.A., and Corporal Bradford, A.O.C.

The following will play in the Match, H.K.C. v. the Garrison, to-morrow, commencing at 11.30 a.m.:—H.K.C.—A. O. Brown, H. Hancock, R. Hancock, Capt. G. N. A. Harris, R.M., Dr. R. R. Hickey, R.N., P. L. Horsey, R.N., P. L. Lambie, R. B. Punsbury, T. Sercombe Smith, W. C. D. Turner and Lieut. Vivian, R.N.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Yorkshire Dinner.
A meeting of Yorkshiremen was held at the City Hall last evening under the presidency of Mr. W. Dabry, when it was decided to hold a dinner on March 7. Mr. Arthur Chapman was elected Hon. Secretary.

Stealing Shoes.
Lauing Kin was charged at the Magistrate's to-day before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith with stealing one case of India-rubber shoes valued at \$100. Accused said that a ship's coolie gave him the case, but on the coolie being produced the latter said he had not seen accused before. A sentence of four months' imprisonment, with six hours' stocks, was imposed.

The Hupoh Iron Mines.
A telegram from the N.-O. Daily News correspondent at Tokio says that an agreement for a loan of three million yen for the Tayeh mine in Hupoh was signed at Shanghai on Jan. 15, between Mr. Odagiri, the Japanese Consul-General, representing the Government Iron Foundry, H. E. Shing-Kung-pao, and the representative of the Japan Credit Mobilier. The loan is for thirty years at six per cent per annum.

The Health of Hong Kong.
When the mortality returns for December were laid on the table at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday afternoon, a minute by Mr. Rumjahn was read, as follows:—'Who said Hongkong was not a healthy place?' He quoted figures, which he had taken from *The Times* and *Lancet*, which showed that the death rate for Hongkong per thousand was over two points less than that of London and seven or eight large towns. The Vice-President thought it was very satisfactory to hear about our low death-rate, but the President pointed out that the population of Hongkong was practically all adults, and a comparison could not be drawn.

Alleged Theft from the French Mail.
At the Magistrate's to-day before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, three Chinese boys, were charged with having in their possession a quantity of dried fruit, lemons and preserves reasonably suspected of being stolen. They were arrested outside Station Police Station with the goods. On being charged they said they received them from one of their chapsmen on the French Mail steamer Yarra. The man who gave them the fruit, etc., was one of the 'boys' on board the Yarra, which left yesterday. His Worship imposed a fine of \$100 each, in default three months' imprisonment, with six hours' stocks, remarking at the same time that he hoped they would be hanged.

Chinese Railways.
The *Times* correspondent at Shanghai telegraphed on the 24th ult.:—I learn on trustworthy authority that, as the result of the conflicting views on policy and administration which have existed between the American and Belgian interests since the commencement of work on the Han-kau-Canton Railway, these interests are about to be separated, the railway being divided into two sections, of which the Belgians will control the northern, while the Americans retain the southern. Negotiations on this basis have been proceeding for some time past, and are now stated to be practically concluded between Colonel Thy, representing the Belgian interest, and New York. The details are not disclosed, nor is it known whether the Chinese Government will acquiesce in the arrangement, which is opposed to the terms of the Washington contract of 1898. The position of affairs affords an instructive lesson as to the results of the Anglo-American policy, which, failing to recognize the vital importance of the construction and control of railways in China on the commerce of the future, is content to leave private *bona fide* commercial initiative to compete against State-assisted Continental undertakings, whose objects are obviously political.

Cargo Blocked at Kobe.
Probably never in the annals of the port of Kobe has that busy section of the community, the shipping circle, been in such a state of confusion as at the present time, says the *Kobe Chronicle*. Hundreds of tons of cargo ready for shipment to all parts of the world are blocking the godowns; the hold of every available vessel in port is secured; and, owing to the chartering by the Government of the Japanese lines, a considerable period must elapse before the merchandise can be got away. The steamship *Albion* has been chartered by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and will sail on the following day for San Francisco in place of the *Toy Kisen* which has been held to a Japanese steamer. The Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's steamship *Empire* due to sail for Australian ports on Feb. 2 is already fully engaged, while the steamship *Omaka* put on the berth by Messrs W. H. Gill & Co., has also had her freight space booked. Negotiations are proceeding for the placing of still another vessel on the Australian run, the vessel having seemingly suffered most by the withdrawal of the N.Y.K. liners. So far, however, the name of the vessel to be chartered has not transpired. The steamship *Fourth of July*, after having been laid up in Yokohama for a considerable time, has been sold to a Japanese owner, the crew, who were on their way home by the *Samaki-maru*, being turned out of the vessel on her arrival at Kobe. The steamship *Amity* (a sister ship to the ill-fated *Finis*), now in port at Kobe, is expected to change hands in the course of a day, the new owner being the Japanese firm, So far no change has taken place in the freight rates, but an advance, to China ports, especially, is expected to be announced for February sailings.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]
RUSSIA AND JAPAN.
LONDON, January 27.
Advices from Tokio on the 27th inst. state that the Government has intimated to the Russian Minister that an early response is desired to the last Note.

It seems likely that Japan will act decisively in a few days; though many have hitherto objected to Japan taking the initiative, the majority would now welcome an ultimatum, or, if necessary, a declaration of war.

Reuter's Agency at Peking wires that China has invited the support of the Powers to attempt to mediate between Russia and Japan. *The Times* correspondent at Peking confirms this.

France is willing to use her good offices to endeavour to arrange a *modus vivendi* with the assistance of England and America.

In reply to Prince Ching's communication, the British and American Ministers, acting in agreement, have explained the difficulties of mediating at the present juncture.

Prince Ching admits that the suggestion to invite the mediation of the Powers emanated from the Russian Minister, the object of the move evidently being to impress the Chinese in favour of Russia.

THE DEATH OF MR. WHITAKER WRIGHT.
A post-mortem inquest on the late Mr. Whitaker Wright disclosed that death was caused by prussic acid.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.
A Bulgarian band of 1,000 men has crossed the frontier near Palanka, and, after exchanging shots with the Turkish outposts, retired.

The 4th Army Corps at Erzeroum is hastily mobilizing.

THE WAR CLOUD.
Awaiting the Declarations.
Nothing exciting transpired to-day with regard to the northern crisis. Every one expects that war will ensue, and all are waiting patiently for the declaration. It is considered that the diplomatic stage has been passed and that Russia has left it too late to draw back now and will have to fight. It is only the unexpected, which occasionally happens, which will avert war.

[N.-O. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]
Again Waiting for an Answer.
Tokio, January 24.
Count Katsura, the Premier, had a long audience with the Emperor this morning.

The Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg was instructed yesterday to request Russia to reply promptly to the last Japanese note. It is apprehended here that Russia, while hoodwinking the other Powers, is not prepared to make any material concessions.

Japan's Object.
Tokio, January 23.
It has been semi-officially circulated that circumstances have compelled Japan to take independent action with a view to the preservation of the general peace of the Far East.

New Restrictions on Navigation.
An emergency Imperial Ordinance, sanctioning the Coast Defence Law, published to-day in the *Official Gazette*, prohibits navigation by private vessels, or fishing or other marine operations, detrimental to Japan's naval arrangements, with a specified limit.

To Arrange for the Money Required.
Another conference is likely to be held, to discuss the financial programme to be followed, in dealing with the present contingency.

Japan's Relations with Corea.
Tokio, January 22.
An apparently inspired article in the leading Tokyo journal, the *Kokumin*, to-day says that Japan fought China in 1894 for the independence of Corea.

Japan attributes sinister purposes to Russia in Corea, instancing her recent proposal for the partition of the peninsula.

The reason why Japan now wishes to place Corea under her protection is only to save that country from Russia's aggression, and preserve the general peace of the Far East.

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Peace not yet Certain.
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Divided counsel prevails at St. Petersburg, despite the absence of two of the chauvinist leaders, and optimism is unwaranted.

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SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present: Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works; Mr. Fong Wa Chan; Colonel W. E. Webb; R.A.M.C.; Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Rumjahn; Dr. W. W. Penne, Acting Medical Officer of Health; Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health; Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary) and Mr. J. H. Kemp (Assistant Secretary).

The Acting Medical Officer of Health laid a minute as follows:—As my refusal to countersign certificates of occupation of new buildings which do not comply with the amended Sect. 153 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance has already caused opposition from architects, I wish to draw the attention of the Board to this section particularly. Throughout the Colony there are a great number of ground floor rooms with no glazed window area, which can be counted to legal effect under section 153. While such rooms are used as shops and are open in front all day, the want of window area is not felt, but when these rooms are used for other purposes, e.g. family houses, opium-divans, common lodging-houses, etc., it becomes at once important to insist on section 153 being complied with.

I should like the Board, in view of the great opposition which will be encountered, to state their decision as to whether they wish this section enforced without exception or not, and I will then instruct the inspectors in accordance with their decision.

The President intimated:—The Board might make a ruling that no action shall be taken if the ground floors are used as shops as it is not the custom to have glass fronts.

Mr. Pollock intimated:—In the case of shops, some relaxation of the strict enforcement of the provisions appears to be desirable.

Mr. Hewett intimated:—I agree with Mr. Pollock; if the shops are not also used as sleeping rooms.

Mr. Rumjahn intimated:—It would be better that the upper portion of shop fronts should be provided with a netting of small iron bars, placed conveniently apart to admit air during sleeping hours as shown on a sketch submitted by me in one of two committee meetings.

Mr. Lau Chi Pak intimated:—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

The D.P.W. intimated:—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

Dr. Atkinson said that this matter now came under Section 19 of Ord. 23 of 1903 by which each room must have a window area one-tenth of the floor area and one-half of that area must be glazed. Shops were rooms, but he did not think it was over intended that this should apply to shops; and it appeared to him that it might be advisable that the Board should make a ruling to the effect that no action be taken if these ground floor windows used as shops.

The custom in the Colony was for the shops to be open during the day and closed with shutters during the night.

Mr. Hewett:—Are not these rooms used as sleeping rooms?

Dr. Atkinson:—I don't know about 100 particular rooms, but in 99 cases out of 100 they are sleeping rooms.

The Vice-President:—I move that an action be taken by the Board in requiring glazed area in the case of shop fronts, so long as they are used as shops.

Mr. Pollock seconded the

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